

White Women Say

"Who Invited HER?"

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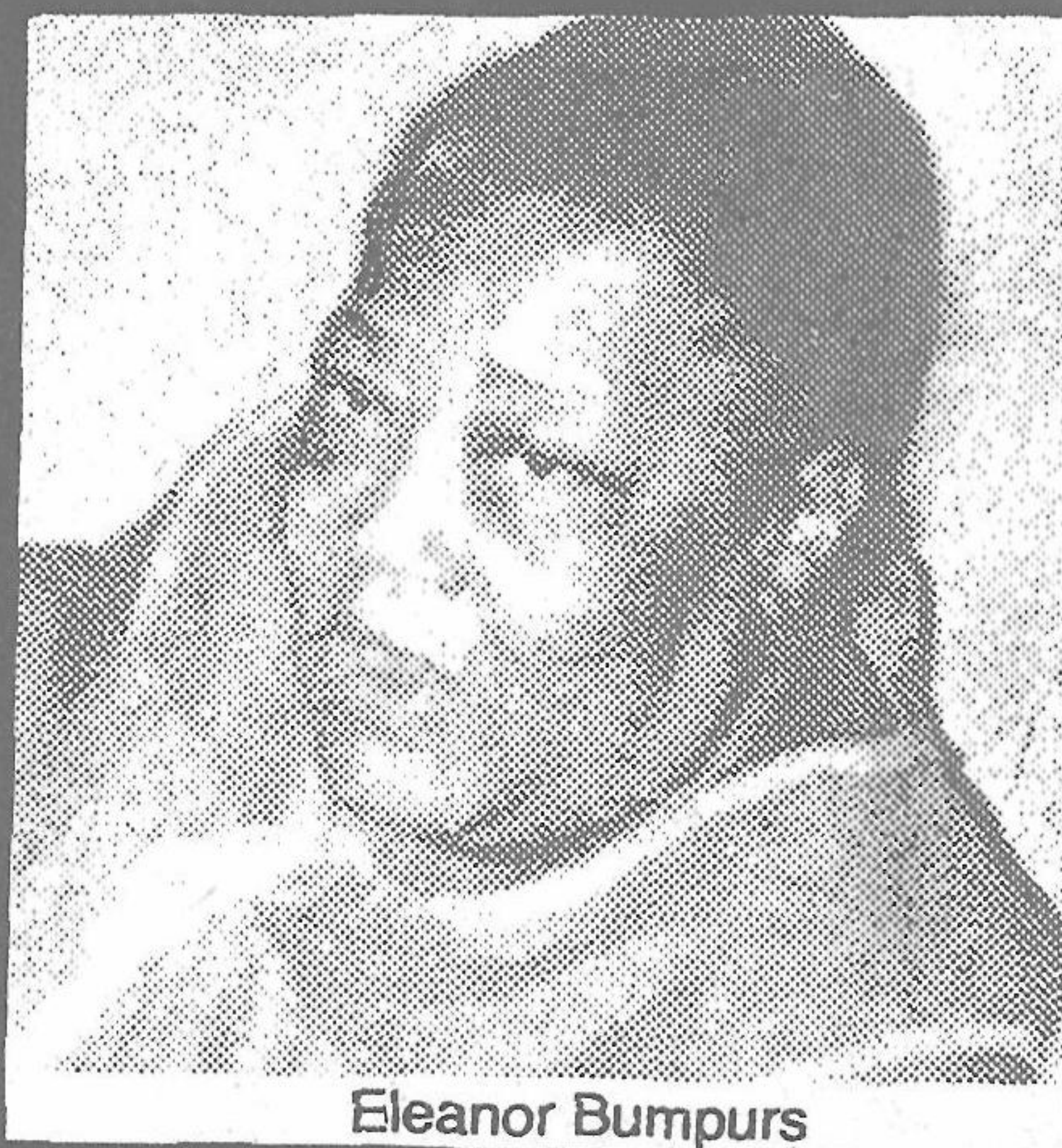
In Celebration of an Opening



By RON ALLEN
Question: How many people attended the opening-night party for the musical 'Les Misérables' at the Seventh Regiment Armory Thursday night?
Answer: Close to a thousand. The party was held at the Seventh Regiment Armory Thursday night for the opening night party for "Les Misérables." Never mind that Raquel Welch, Calvin Klein, Carol Channing and Mayor Koch were among the notable guests who did arrive at the 1890 landmark building. They danced to everything from rock to "La Vie en Rose," while upstairs, dozens of homeless women found shelter for the night.

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Eleanor Bumpurs

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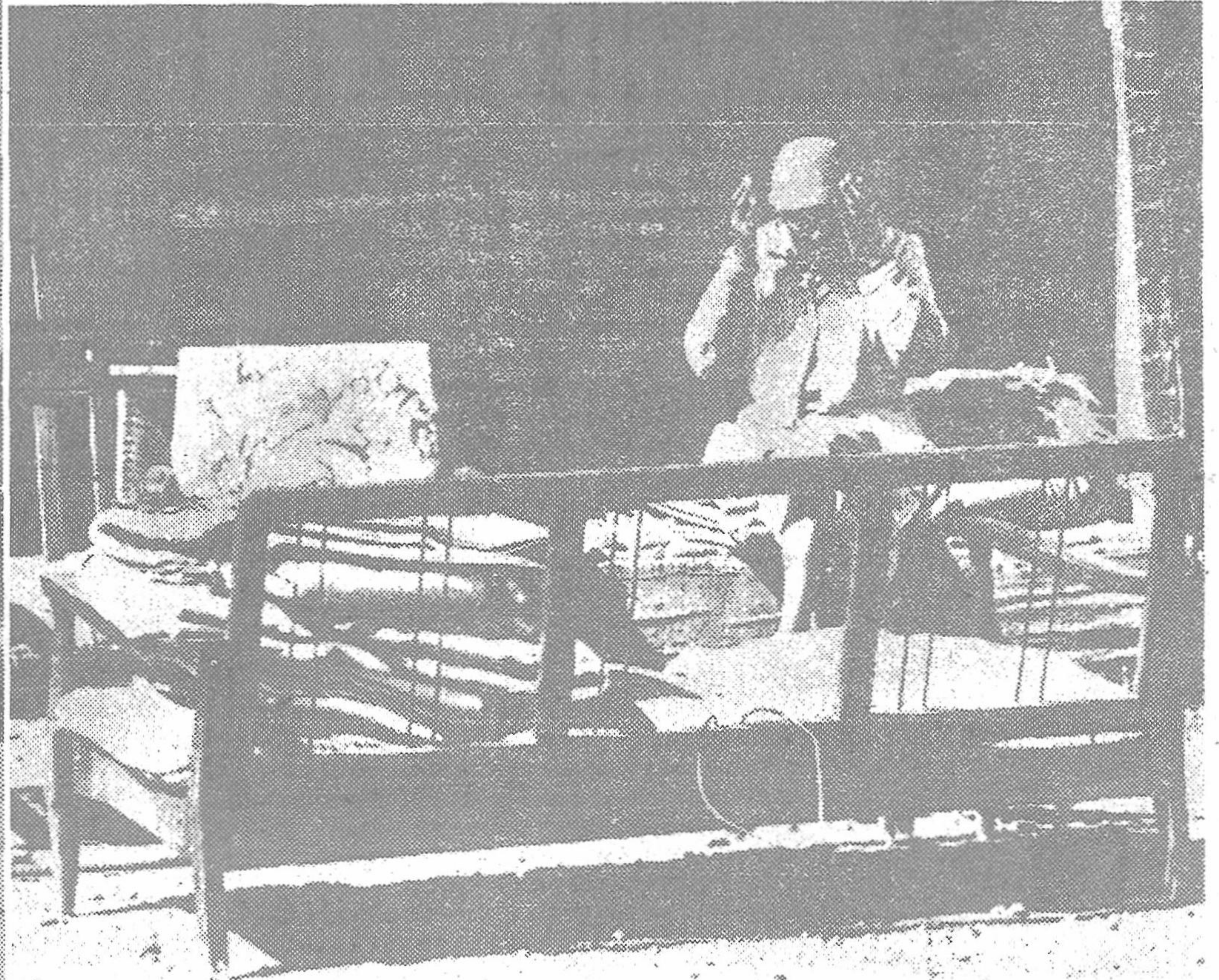
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A Voice for the Amazon Nation



Homeless woman holds candle during Grand Central Terminal vigil.



Nokhaya Funde, 73, who must move from Red Location to Motherwell, weeps among her possessions.

THE MARTINIQUE IS KOCH'S SUCCESS

There is a careful effort by the powers that be in NYC to put out the idea that homelessness and joblessness are the failure of the social "welfare" system of the last twenty years. THIS IS A LIE. The tens of thousands of homeless are the greatest success of the Koch administration and the ruling class. WESTWAY WAS THE FAILURE. THE MARTINIQUE IS THE SUCCESS.

It took twenty years to destroy a major portion of the Afrikan-american community, but they have finally made serious headway. After the urban rebellions of the 1960's the handwriting was on the wall. Blacks and Puerto Ricans have to go. That's it—bottom line time. They can't be trusted they must be dusted. Call it urban renewal, call it civil rights, call it equal opportunity, war on poverty, whatever. These folks gotta go.

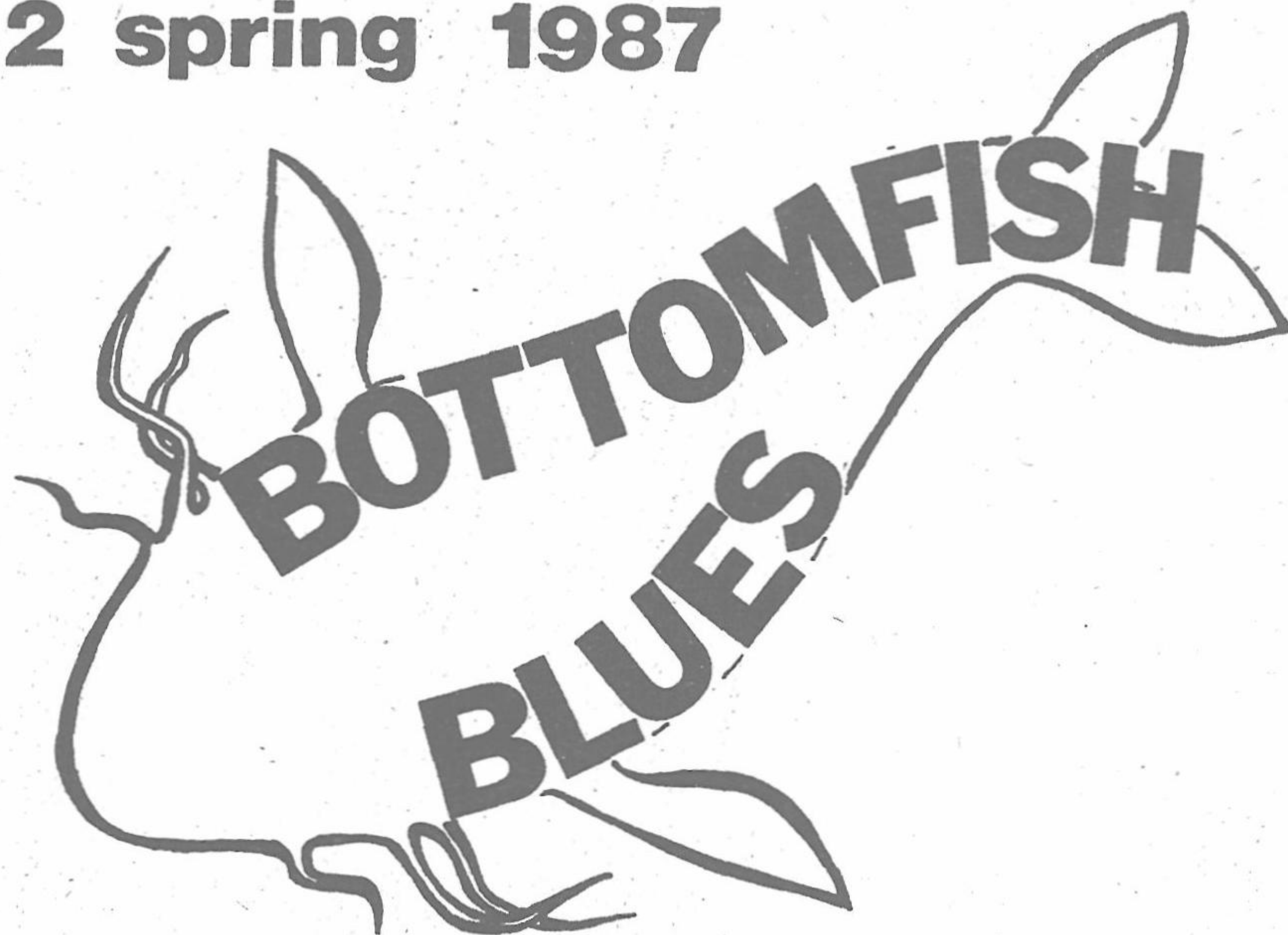
Harlem sits on top of Manhattan and was the seed-bed of Afrikan-american rebellion. So let's cut off the head to kill the snake. Harlem is to become white man's land.

Every year there is less and less housing for poor Afrikan-americans and Latins. This is the plan, a long range plan by the white ruling class and carried out by the Koch administration. In 1974 the city took over the Semiramis and in 1978

it took over the Lido, for instance. Two large apartment buildings in central Harlem, structurally sound and overlooking the north end of Central Park. Instead of fixing them up for the homeless, the city "warehoused" the two buildings for

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a decade. Now the city has sold them both to developers for a mere \$35,000. The state is going to loan the developers \$350,000 for engineering work, and the developers promise Crazy Ed to condo the two buildings—71 apartments for sale at \$130,000 plus apiece. Not for homeless Afrikan-american women and children.

The city has "warehoused" much of Harlem, consciously de-populating it. First the city let the banks (and the slumlords fronting for them) milk the community, extracting rents while letting the buildings deteriorate. Then came terroristic waves of arson for insurance (the cops turned their backs), and city bull-dozing of whole blocks. It was like a bombing raid. The city now owns 60% of the housing left in Harlem. The more housing the government controls the more homelessness there is.

Their plan is for near-total Afrikan-american and Puerto Rican removal from Manhattan. Columbia

University urban planners Dr. Richard Shaffer and Dr. Neil Smith say that re-settling Central Harlem as "yuppie Harlem" will require a household income of \$50,000 per year to live there. Their study forecasts that the majority of the new Central Harlem's population will be white.

Amerikkka has started pushing surplus Afrikan-americans out. Out of houses, out of jobs, out of neighborhoods, out of doors. The Black land base is shrinking in the rural south, too. Just like the Indians before. It's only more dramatic in NYC, where thousands of street people roam the subways and Wall Street corners, rubbing up against "real people". It's going on everywhere.

"Davis" was the one Afrikan-american hangout for working people in Annapolis, Maryland's state capital. Now "Davis" is a yuppie pub, still with the same name, where the governor dines and where Black people are not welcome. The Castro

was a poor Afrikan-american and Latin neighborhood in central San Francisco. Fifteen years ago the government began helping gay white men to "redevelop" Afrikan-americans and Latins out, as the Castro became a special community for gay white men, their small businesses and homes.

And white women have been no different. Homelessness for Afrikan-american women is directly related to white women's search for equality with white men. In particular, young white women need housing—if you're going to be independent and not living with a man, then you need your own place. White women as well as men need more and more housing, and we damn well want it in Manhattan or as close in as possible. All helping fuel the displacement of Afrikan-americans and Latins. A luppie (lesbian Professional) doesn't mean to harm or displace a fly, but she has an apartment in what used to be "Spanish Harlem". A feminist doctor i know of was a brownstoning "urban pioneer" in

Sex Harassment Survey

Sometime this month 13,000 randomly selected federal workers will be asked to fill out confidential questionnaires asking if they have been subject to sexual harassment by bosses or coworkers.

The survey, conducted by the Merit Systems Protection Board, is a follow-up to its 1980 study in which 42 percent of the women responding said they had been touched, verbally abused or sexually assaulted by colleagues or supervisors in the previous two years.

The high percentage of women reporting sexual harassment was widely reported by the news media. Many federal officials said they were shocked. It also was an eye-opener for many women who said they had kept quiet about sexual harassment because they thought their situations were unusual or would not be believed.

In some agencies, women formed networks—sometimes unofficial, sometimes through normal channels—to track problems. Their actions led to many men being warned, and in a few cases resulted in employees being fired, transferred or urged to resign.

A significant number of employees said they had been threatened with dismissal, or felt that they lost out on promotions or pay raises because they had resisted unwanted physical or verbal advances by their bosses.

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Migration of Affluent Whites to Harlem Forecast

Two social scientists at Columbia University have detected signs that a process of gentrification has begun on the western edges of central Harlem that could ultimately displace a large number of poor blacks with affluent whites.

A report by the scientists, Dr. Richard Shaffer, chairman of the urban planning at Columbia, and Neil Smith, assistant professor, was presented yesterday at an annual convention of the Association for the Advancement of the City.

It analyzed recent census effort to provide hard ink the bitterly contested process of gentrification, which involves the of middle-class families in the urban areas, with the renovation causing proper rise and poorer residents out.

Emphasis on Private
The two scientists war city's redevelopment plan Harlem would almost certainly achieve the stated goal of the area without displacing black residents.

The city's strategy, they said, calls for an emphasis on private investment in the area, according to a 1982 city policy statement. The scientists noted that the city, which owns more than 35 percent of the housing stock in central Harlem, plans to auction off 150 town houses there later this year.

For the City Planning Department, said she could not comment on the report because city officials had not had an opportunity to study it. Analyzing data from the 1980 Census, the two scientists detected signs that gentrification is occurring on the western side of central Harlem, as meas-

urly vulnerable to gentrification because of its low housing costs and its location just a few miles from midtown. The scientists concluded that potential buyers and renovators in a gentrified Harlem would need a household income of more than \$50,000 a year be-

Harlem and the Speculators: Big Profits but Little Renewal

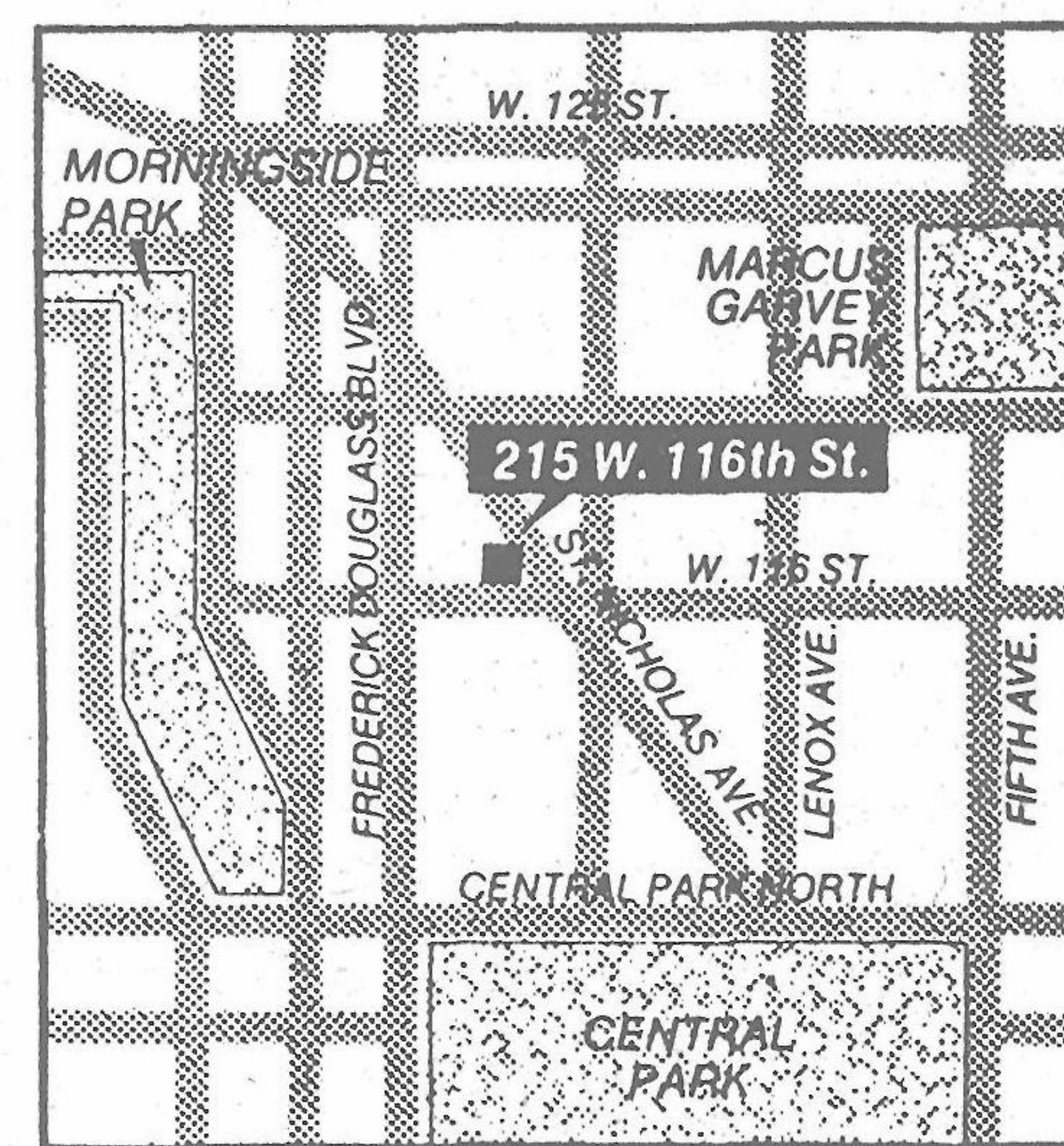
By SAMUEL G. FREEDMAN

In the last six years, the apartment building at 215 West 116th Street in Harlem has been sold five times, its price rising from \$6,000 to more than \$600,000. The fortunes of the building's tenants, meanwhile, have at best held even, and for them, even means miserable.

Once luxurious and now forlorn, long ignored but lately desired, 215 West 116th Street offers a dramatic case history of the real-estate speculation that has swept through Harlem since 1980.

The number of building sales in Harlem more than doubled in five years, to 1,131 in 1985 from 503 in 1980, according to figures compiled by the Harlem Urban Development Corporation. The average price per building climbed to period. Against such a backdrop, 215 West 116th is not the exception but the rule.

The building embodies almost a century of Harlem life — the neighborhood's passage from a failed middle-class district for whites to a diverse and self-supporting black metropolis to a crime-ridden, drug-ravaged slum to a prime candidate for the urban facelift called reinvestment by some and gentrification by others.



The New York Times/Dec. 19, 1986

One building on West 116th Street embodies 85 years of Harlem life.

As Harlem's real-estate prices have soared, two alternative visions of the future have emerged, neither of them kind to longtime residents like those in 215 West 116th.

In one scenario familiar to Manhattan, the buildings being bought up will be rehabilitated and converted into cooperatives, with the affluent displacing the poor and whites supplanting blacks.

In the second, prices will so exceed the buildings' earning capacities that a

Out and About

Entertainer Frank Sinatra has frequently performed in Sun City, South Africa, and doesn't care if anyone likes it or not. The Norwegians don't like it at all. On Monday they banned Sinatra from giving a scheduled June 7 concert in Oslo. The proposed concert would violate a municipal law that bans entertainers who have performed in South Africa. Sinatra has a scheduled June 9 concert in Göteborg, Sweden, which is in jeopardy for the same reason...

Brooklyn. Never noticing that she was part of the "white tornado" ripping out women of color and their families. The question isn't where you are going to put Afrikan-americans (this shelter or that project), the question is where are you going to put white people?

Afrikan-american reservations are already here, just like Indian reservations. Isn't that what the Martinique, the Brooklyn Arms, and the other welfare hotels and shelters and projects are? A reservation is not a neighborhood or a nation of your own. It's an artificial place, without economic resources, where the oppressed are confined by imperialism as dependents. Bantustans in Azania (south africa) are reservations. A welfare hotel is just a vertical reservation for Blacks and Latins. In NYC 13,000 people live in them, with 10,000 more in the shelters (the barracks). More in the prisons.

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Last July when the four Alvarez children, ages 1½ to 7, died by fire in their Brooklyn Arms Hotel room, columnist Sydney Schanberg pointed out that the family of six lived in a room the size of two NY State single-inmate prison cells—in all 12 feet by 12 feet. For that the city pays \$1500 per month (\$5 million per year for all the rooms) to Bertram Fields, the husband of opera singer Roberta Peters. Their hotel's well-paid lawyer is former mayor Robert Wagner. Welfare hotels, like other reservations, aren't here to benefit those forced to live in them but the white ruling class.

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Have you noticed that everything that kills Black people is encouraged? Not just fatal diseases like AIDS, but alcoholism, drug addiction, and violence against each other. Flip on the TV and you can see Billy Dee Williams, the only Black man allowed in outer space, in a commercial telling young Afrikan-american men that the way to score

with a woman is to get her drunk on malt liquor. Alcoholism and crack are killing children as social disintegration and hopelessness is spread. Last November 27th an Afrikan-american woman in the Bronx, irrational on crack, threw herself and her two kids out of their fourth-floor window. Afrikan-american teenagers in Newark are

killing each other for leather bomber jackets.

This year the Children's Defense Fund reminded us again that poor Afrikan-american children are encouraged to die because of simple lack of food and medical care:

"A Black infant born within five

S. Africa to N.Y.



Associated Press

Squatter Camp Demolished in South Africa

Janet Mchlope weeping yesterday as she sat atop the rubble of the home her husband was building on Weller's Farm near Johannesburg. Security forces

demolished several shelters that were being used by some of the 5,000 squatters on the farm after farmers in the area lodged a formal protest.



Newsday / Donna Dietrich

Tashika Jones, 4, left, and Bernel Ayres, 7, in kitchen of Brooklyn home, where firebomb was tossed into basement early Thursday.

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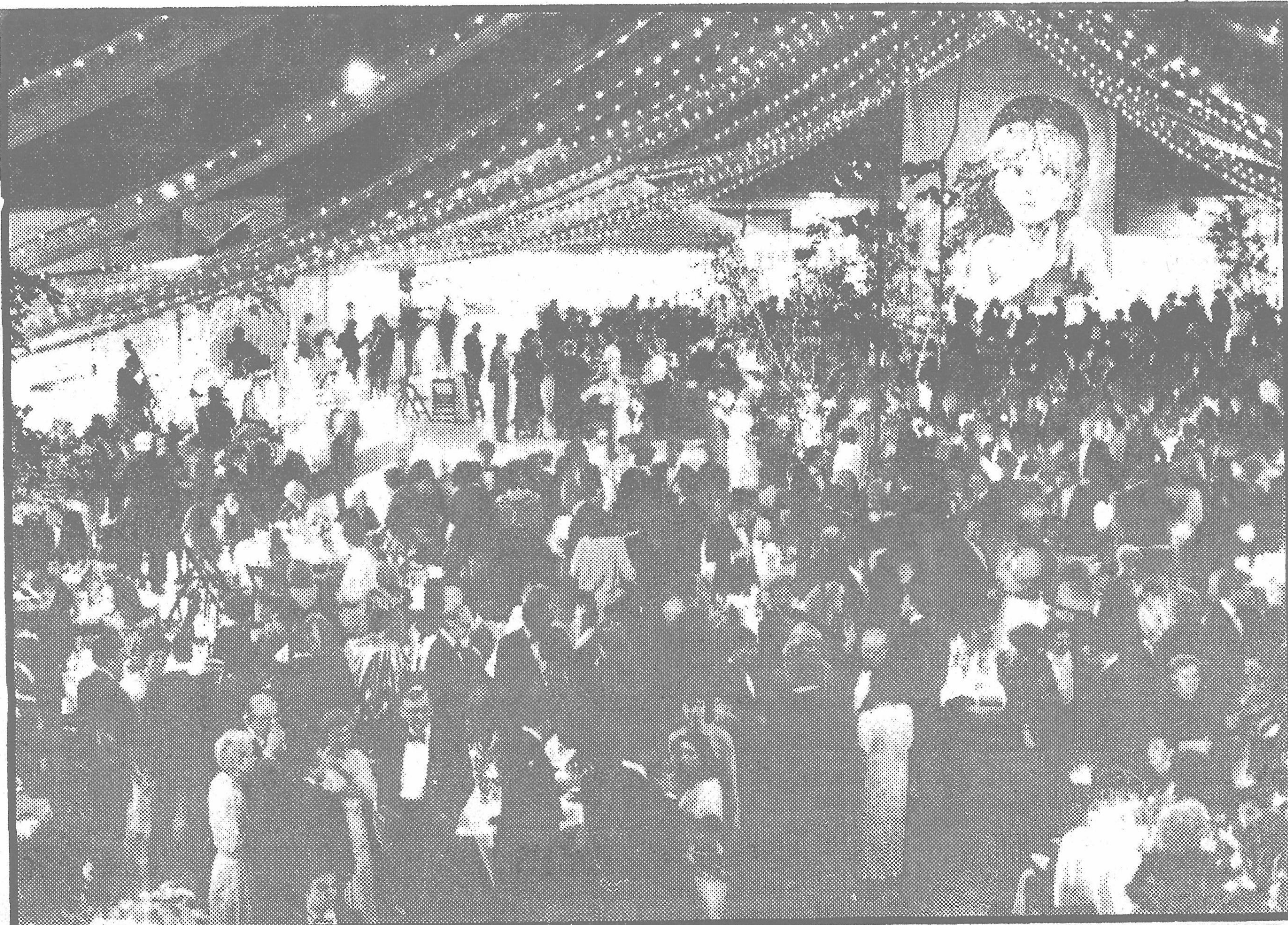
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By RON ALEXANDER

Question: How many people are in a mood to party after seeing a somber musical in which the hero dies, half the characters bite the dust during the Paris insurrection of 1832 and the most striking set is a sewer?

Answer: Close to a thousand. That is how many showed up at the Seventh Regiment Armory Thursday for the opening night party for "Les Misérables." Never mind that Raquel Welch, Calvin Klein, Carol Channing and Mayor Koch were among the no-shows: the guests who did arrive more than filled the vast Drill Hall of the 1880 landmark building. They danced to everything from rock to "La Vie en Rose," while upstairs, dozens of homeless women found shelter for the night.

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avoid haute cuisine and place stronger emphasis on cuisine ordinaire," said Jean-Michel Savoca of New York Parties, which whipped up everything from choucroute à l'alsacienne to apple tarts from a Norman recipe. (The food, Mr. Savoca said, was also sent upstairs to the homeless women as well as to the shelters at the Bowery Mission and the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church.)

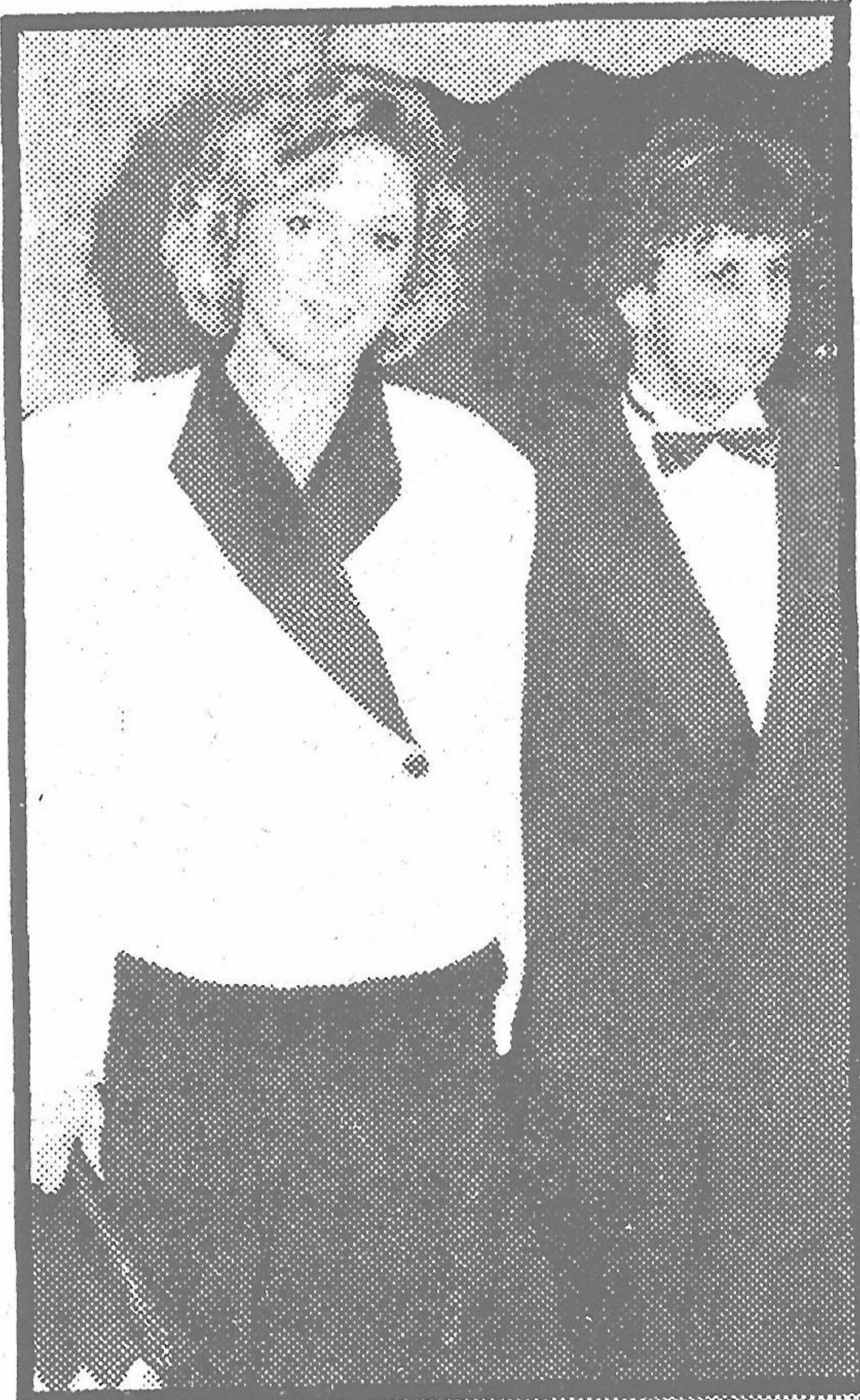
A Yen for Spareribs

Not everyone was impressed. "I'm not going to stand in a long line waiting for food to be served," said Joanne Winship, who left at 10:30 P.M. with her husband, Frederick. "I mean, we're not peasants. Anyway, my housekeeper has the most delicious spareribs in the oven."

Kathleen Turner and her husband, Jay Weiss, did not stay long either, but Claus von Bülow appeared to enjoy himself immensely. He had kind words for the show, too: "I liked it very much because I feel so much like Jean Valjean."

Chita Rivera was there and so were Bernadette Peters, Margot Kidder, Brooke Adams, Burt Bacharach, the cast of the show and chums and relatives from England and Ireland.

"I play the innkeeper and I watch you on television all the time." John



miles of the White House is more likely to die in the first year of life than an infant born in Trinidad and Tobago or Costa Rica."

Throughout u.s. history the white women's movement has been inter-related to Afrikan-american oppression. We have been on both sides of this. We say we sympathize with Afrikan-american women and get enthusiastic over Gerry Ferraro ("She's hot"). But to me Gerry is just the slumlord's wife, goldilocks fronting for one sleazy white man or the other. Just like "our" men. we want it all—the housing, the land, the few good jobs under equal opportunity, everything. So we look the other way when Donald and Crazy Ed and the boys create homelessness and reservations. After all, their homelessness is our new opportunity.

The question for white women is are we going to take Afrikan-american women's housing and Puerto Rican women's housing, and take part in genocide? It's one way or the other. Whether to get up off the land, whether to give up that housing. A women's movement that is real about sisterhood has to be willing to fight white women who are loyal to a white men's world. We should support Morning Sunday and not Gerry.

Blacks Believe White Women Lead in Job Gains

By SHEILA RULE

Many black men and women are becoming increasingly convinced that they are not making the kind of gains in white-collar jobs that white women are making. And that impression appears to be fueling tension among the groups as they compete for a recession.

While white women have made gains in professional, government, and white-collar jobs, black men are still in the areas. They make less than white men, and they are still taking the example of white men and are still lagging behind.

From the professional and black men's perspective, the black men are still lagging behind.

When she worked for Bell Laboratories, Kirstie Gentleman believed she was viewed as a "favored daughter."



America's black men and women are still well as other disadvantaged groups. Black women often have more attractive educational credentials. There are more white women in the labor force, meaning there is a larger pool of candidates for promotion.

Because of past patterns, white women have worked with companies longer. When companies promote from within, white women generally have more experience and seniority than blacks.

Many blacks are psychologically hampered by a lack of faith in the fairness of the nation's economic system. White women, on the other hand, tend

Shifts in the Nation's Professional Labor Force

(Percentage of total professional labor force that each group represents)

	1968	1979
White women	12.0%	21.6%

the tolerance for... Mr. Breedlove, adding that... showed that some employers had rationalized their failure to promote blacks with the argument that there were too few qualified black professionals.

'Corporate Social Responsibility'

...expressed a gen... black men had a slight... toward management... they felt that black women suffered the "double jeopardy" of being black and female. "There was once a myth that black women were 'two-fers,'" said George Davis, referring to the idea that corpo-

BIT OF HISTORY



Homelessness is such a mild word, a much more neutral word than genocide. A people who are homeless will die, however. The ruling class has decided to get rid of these troublesome Black people, who can't be trusted as servants and who are no longer needed in factories. Afrikan-american labor is being replaced by even cheaper labor from Mexico, El Salvador, Haiti, and many other countries.

Everyone is carefully taught to think of genocide as the Jewish holocaust stereotype, millions getting herded into gas chambers all at once. But that's not how it usually happens.

When the white colonial settlers on the east coast committed genocide against the eastern Indian nations it was a gradual, 100 year process (it took over a century just to get rid of the Indians who owned Brooklyn). Step by step, acre by acre,

YOU CAN'T GO HOME AGAIN



On January 19th the Washington DC Homeless Union and the Baltimore Homeless Union began takeovers to alert people about the veteran administration's further depopulation of the Afrikan-american community. The v.a. has been foreclosing on the homes of Black veterans who

fell behind in their mortgage payments and then "warehousing" the homes for later sale to developers.

They had been inspired by the actions of a single Afrikan-american woman, 34 year-old Morning Sunday of Baltimore. She had been

MORNING SUNDAY, at home

unable to find affordable housing in Franklin Square, even though "I'm a third-generation resident in this area". She had noticed a vacant, boarded-up, three-story brown stone house. Three years ago the city seized it for code violations and unpaid fines, and had kept it

Bit of history

village by village, the white settlers "redeveloped" Indian land for over 100 years, pushing Indians back and hemming them in with no place to go. Indians found themselves destroyed by hunger, epidemic disease, overcrowding, forced labor for white society, drug addiction, and fighting amongst themselves. Does this sound familiar? Indian nations came to disappear while not only white settlers but also their Afrikan slaves swelled in number. That genocide while very gradual was none the less selective and deadly.

Professor Gary B. Nash writes in a u.s. history textbook that this selective genocide was "not coincidental" but intended:

"...Still another cause of depopulation was alcohol which, though it killed slowly in contrast to smallpox and other epidemic diseases, also counted many victims.

"All the lethal factors that decimated Indian villages throughout eastern North America touched slaves only incidentally. This was not co-

incidental. White colonists did not possess direct control over bacteriological and demographic factors, but they eagerly sought to increase the black slave population while reducing the Indian population. To this end they instituted policies which influenced, if they did not control, population curves.

"Blacks, for example, were inoculated against smallpox and given medical treatment in case of sickness. For a plantation owner to do this was only to preserve his property, just as he would attempt to maintain the health of his horses and farm animals. If Indians, however, contracted an epidemic disease, the colonist could only give thanks that God had seen fit to diminish their numbers in order to make room for more 'civilized' persons.

"European colonists only occasionally waged bacteriological warfare in a conscious way, such as by spreading smallpox through infected trade goods, but they were uninterested in arresting epidemic disease among Indians in contrast to their slaves. With alcohol it was the same. It was rationed out to slaves at holiday time and sometimes at week's

end as a reward for work accomplished. But alcohol was distributed among Indian tribes in order to create not only dependency but addiction. Rum was a liquid form of control for white colonists in their dealings with both Africans and Indians. But it was intended to sustain life among blacks while destroying life among Indians.

"War was the third killer and it was also controlled to some extent by whites. Black rebellion was, of course, quelled as quickly as possible, for it was a direct threat to the labor system and to social dominance by whites. But war with Indians and war among Indians was often artfully encouraged. As soon as they had determined that they could outmatch local tribes, colonists in the 17th century found reason for making war on coastal tribes. For example, Emanuel Downing, John Winthrop's brother-in-law (Winthrop was first governor of the pilgrim colony), thought a war with the Narragansett Indians would be of "very considerable" advantage to the colony...

"He then predicted the history of the next century by pointing out

waiting for developers. So last summer Morning Sunday (with a smile she says her Indian grandmother named her) tore down the boards and moved herself and two other families in. "Warehousing" is a sin, she says.

The city's neighborhood progress administration, which owned the dwelling, refused to let the three homeless families have it. That's no surprise, since in amerikkka with a name like that we know they're from outside the neighborhood and against any progress. city officials said that the brownstone must stay empty until they could find a developer to rehab it into condominiums for "middle-income families" (their own words).

Morning Sunday was taken to court and the building was boarded-up three times when she was out. She just tore the boards down again, and used large plastic sheets to insulate off one front room with a fireplace to live in through last winter. The NAACP began to support her. Evicting homeless women and children so houses can be "warehoused" for future January White Sales looks bad in peoples' eyes.

Sunday said: "Why is the house too good to sell to a neighborhood person? I will go to jail first. I'm not giving this up. Martin Luther King said its ok to fight and go to jail."

News of Sunday's initiative struck other homeless. To celebrate Martin

that 'If upon a Just war the Lord should deliver them (the Narragansetts) into our hands, we might easily have men, women, and children enough to exchange for Moors (Afrikans), which will be more gainful pillage for us than we can conceive.' "

They depended on manipulating Indians, many of whom were addicted to alcohol, into killing off each

bit..

Report Cites Fewer Men in Black Neighborhoods

It sparks debates on the census for New York City and the 'sex gap.'

By HOWARD W. FRENCH

Poor black neighborhoods in New York City house considerably fewer men than women, a new report says, and, along with quantifying the gap, it points up an alarming demographic trend — the disappearance of working-aged black men from the census roles.

The report, "Poverty Amidst Prosperity: Is New York Dividing Into Two Cities?" cites a high incidence of murder, wartime casualties, imprisonment, unemployment and homelessness as the principal causes of the shortage. It also says that the shortage has contributed to the increase in the number of households led by single black women. Those households, statistics show, are more likely to live below the poverty level than are two-parent

Black men, he said, were "six times more likely to be incarcerated and three times more likely to be diagnosed as mentally ill" than white men. He also said that the leading causes of death among poor black males — homicide, suicide, stress-related diseases and addictions — are much less common among black women and whites.

In addition, Mr. Chavis said that, because of their high unemployment rate, many black men become debilitated, homeless and cut off from their community. Census data, he said, indicated that black men in New York are more difficult to count than illegal aliens.

The Citizens Committee derived its figures by ranking the city's neighborhoods by income as reported in the 1980 census, and then comparing the sex-ratio of those

This illegal practice, known as "curbstoning," has led to low estimates of the black male population. "The large majority of the gap is due to undercount," Mr. Salvo said, adding that the problem of undercounting is "substantially higher" in New York than elsewhere.

Mr. Salvo said that the black sex ratio in New York was in balance with the ratio for other groups up to the 1970 census. "But in 1980, there was suddenly a gap of about 20,000 in the 20-24 year cohort," he said. "God knows what happened between 1970 and 1980."

He added, "It is interesting to note that this is happening at an age where blacks are entering the labor force."

New York City is suing the Federal Bureau of the Census, charging that it underestimated the minority population in New York in the 1980 census. Accuracy of census figures is important in many types of Federal

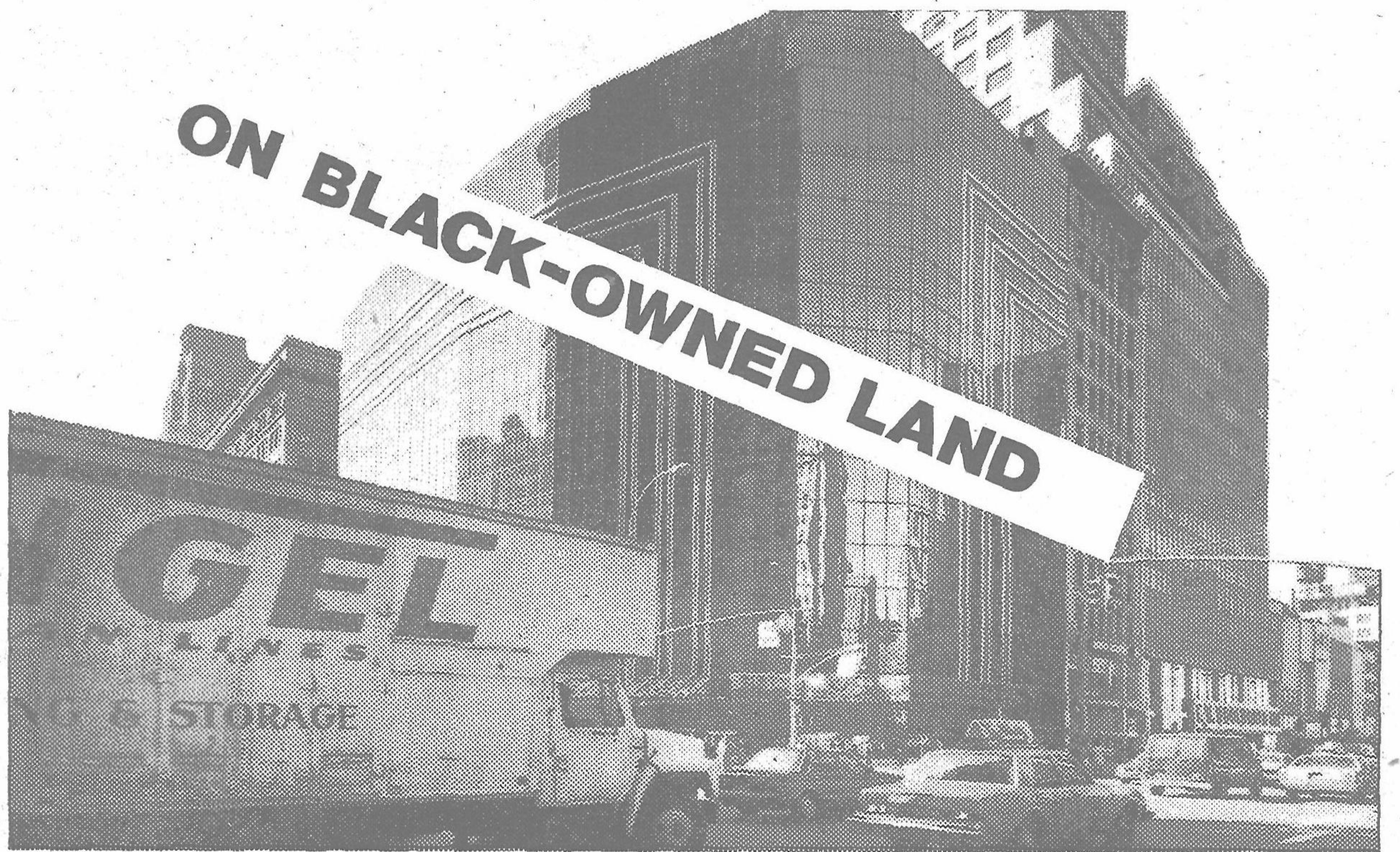
voluntarism, the report says the city's poorest black neighborhoods contain 14 percent fewer men than women between 20 and 44 years old.

A portion of the report, which used 1980 Census data to investigate the are higher than those of either white men or black women, they are not sufficiently high to explain the relative abundance of women.

The Citizens Committee authors defended their numbers, saying that they had adjusted for the "undercount factor" in estimating the sex ratio in the city's poorest neighborhoods.

Mr. Chavis, director of research for the organization, acknowledged that higher institutionalization and mortality rates for black and Hispanic males could not entirely explain the difference in male and female populations. An important factor tied to the undercount phenomenon, he said, was the city's high homeless rate.

"Over 60 percent of the city's shelter population is made up of black men," he said, adding that many more men moved black men had become "transients," no longer living in the city's poorest neighborhoods measured in the



Herald Center, the 10-story shopping mall at Herald Square in Manhattan.

Luther King's birthday, homeless Afrikan-american women and children from the shelters temporarily occupied empty houses owned by the government. In Washington a dozen homeless took over an empty house at 903 Eighth St. NE. Metro Area Homeless Union leader LaVerne Walker said: "We the homeless are taking a stand, as we did for civil rights." In Baltimore two Afrikan-american women, Deborah Marshall and Michelle Pittman, moved from the shelters with their children into a v.a.-ownws row house at 1406 N. Fulton Ave. The row house was one of 100 in Batimore seized by the v.a., and had been empty for 3

months.

After a ten day occupation, the government compromised around the two women and their children. City deputy housing commissioner Michael Seipp announced that just be coincidence Ms.Marshall had been found to be at the top of the waiting list for city subsidized housing. In two days, he said, she would be given a house (not a hotel room or an apartment, but a whole house) at city-subsidized low rents. Ms. Marshall, who had been on the 40,000 person waiting list since 1979, said she was "disgusted" with government lies. Ms.Pittman and her children were also given a house at low rent.

Protesters at the house laughed at government claims that it was only a coincidence. A v.a. officer told the press: "This does not necessarily make a precedent, as far as we're concerned." Morning Sunday, who had visited the two sisters on Fulton Ave. daily to show her support, was jubilant"

"I think the homeless are no longer willing to be shuffled from shelter to shelter. They are starting to fight back—and isn't that american?"



Unidentified family moves out of VA-owned row house

As Mayor Ed has found out, the homeless are a time bomb. He thought surplus Blacks and Puerto Ricans would just go away and die off somewhere. Now his Wall St. friends are telling him he's got to get homeless Afrikan-americans out of their faces. The city is trying to place distant reservations (called shelters) in the outer boroughs, just as Indians were isolated by being moved to remote reservations.

In Washington DC the government is even more uptight, since the rising number of Afrikan-american homeless are within bomb's throw of the Capitol AND White House. DC Mayor Marion Berry Jr. told congress last year that 40,000 Afrikan-american squatters had illegally crashed into apartments in the projects, refusing to pay rent and ignoring orders to leave. Berry has promised to evict them all, like a man.

In the spirit of Morning Sunday and all fighting Afrikan-american women i have a piece of information to share. The Black Nation owns enough territory here in NYC to live on and support them. No, i'm not even talking about Harlem. Afrikan-americans owned and own—with deeds and all that paper—big chunks of mid-town and lower Manhattan. Under the Dutch colony (in the 1600s when NYC was called New Amsterdam), free Afrikan farmers owned the land now called Herald Square, Greenwich Village, and Astor Place. In 1664 the conquering British seized all this Afrikan property without com-

pensation (but not the Dutch property).

So why shouldn't Afrikan-americans get their property back now? Gimbels is vacant, so lots of families could move in. Macy's already is packed with lots of clothing and furniture they could use. Maybe New York University and Cooper Union could start paying rent to the Black Nation? Maybe the first Afrikan-american Women's University could start there—just take over a few blocks. This is billions of dollars worth of prime land we're talking about.

Homelessness and wealth is merely a question of who's the oppressed and who's the oppressor. i can see why Afrikan-american revolutionary nationalists want to secede from amerikkka, to free their own Nation in the deep south (the states that Afrikan slaves built with centuries of forced labor). White people, if they think about such things at all, think they're too "far out" and unrealistic. But Afrikan-american women dying of homelessness in Penn Station, while thousands of well-dressed white commuters rush past them to catch the suburban train, that's not far out? Or your movie actor president flying missiles and a birthday cake to an equally perv old man in Iran, that's not far out? The future always looks far out from the past.

Afrikan-american women are going to fight. Always have, always will. A closer question is what we're going to do? White women are into genocide. Can't avoid it, can't stay uninvolved somewhere else on an offshore sidelines that don't exist. Hey, it's easy to criticize Mayor Ed. "We should have more shelters." "There should be more public housing, in other neighborhoods." But Crazy Ed is only cooking the meal you wanna eat. Every time Afrikan-american and Puerto Rican communities are driven out into the streets, white women are right there side-by-side with "our" men copping that housing.

We all know that when the banks want to genocide out a neighborhood they first send in the "urban pioneers". Young white women, gay men, students, lesbians, artists, are the first in, the beachhead. We all know it, even joke about it: "Gentrification is the next person who moves in after you."

Then as the turf turns white it gets too expensive and they get sent on to the next urban beachhead. Chelsea, Upper West Side, Lower East Side, Boerum Hill, Fort Greene, etc. Don't fight the ruling class for housing, get yours by helping them create homelessness. Maybe that tired, desperate-looking woman at the Martinique used to live where you now live. Ratty as it may be, you've gotten your little bribe to

go along with genocide. "Sisters".

Ever think what happened to everything the jews and communists and gays and gypsies had to leave behind when that impossible thing happened to them? Apartments and jobs and dining room tables and... a sea of possessions. Good germans took those jobs, moved into those apartments, grabbed everything of value, tried on everything left behind. Filled the vacuum. "It's too bad, but somebody will get it, why not me?" each said. If we don't fight genocide, we bear personal responsibility for it. Stop taking part in homelessness. Leave the "family of man".



sunday update

FRIDAY MARCH 6: Morning Sunday was arrested and sent to jail. The city had tried to get her to leave by offering her another city-owned building, plus help getting financing to fix it up. Ms. Sunday refused, as a matter of principle. City officials, she said, "are saying that this building is just 'too good' for the poor people who live in this neighborhood, and that's not right." Evicted by police on the previous Friday, Feb. 28th, Ms. Sunday came back and removed the boards that the city had nailed over the front door, knowing she would be arrested.

Out of jail, Morning Sunday is at this time living in the Murphy Homes projects. She says that her fight is not just for a place to live, but to stop the city from stealing an entire Afrikan-american neighborhood so that middle-class whites can have more space. Already, Ms. Sunday observes, the city is "warehousing" 25% of the Franklin Square area, fronting for the developers. She notes that the city n.p.a. agency is headed by a woman. Morning Sunday also reports that "so-called revolutionaries" visited her during the house occupation, promised her support and then split. Now, she says, they tell her that they'd like to visit her but are afraid to come into Murphy Homes.

U.S. CERTIFIED VIOLENCE

When women complain that the u.s. government doesn't do enough for us, we should correct ourselves. For the u.s. government itself is the rapist, the torturer of women political prisoners, the world's biggest pimp, the enemy of women. The government is only a body of men supervising the violence against us. A few of the recent examples:

* William H. Russell, comptroller of the u.s. customs service, was barred from holding top-level federal employment for two years. Russell was found guilty of physical attacks on women employees.

He karate-chopped his secretary from behind, on one occasion. A second woman subordinate was choked into speechlessness, and a third was kicked in the buttocks. Russell also tried to force one woman into sexual relations. In mitigating his punishment, the government board said that Russell had been lured on by his secretary's "apparent receptiveness" (it's always a woman's fault).

* Rev. James Ingely, husband of a u.s. diplomat stationed in London, was given diplomatic immunity by the state department to avoid standing trial for "gross indecency" with a child. Ingely was flown back to Washington "for medical treatment" despite British protests. The story came out in January, and was the headline news in London.

* The u.s. agriculture department promoted Wayne Mayfield to deputy administrator of all farm price support programs. Mayfield had been the program administrator in Texas, but had been transferred after four women co-workers submitted sworn affidavits that he had been sexually harassing them. The whistle-blower who first charged Mayfield has been demoted. Mayfield is an associate of powerful Texas congressman Phil Gramm. At his promotion he was lauded by the department as "the most outstanding program individual in

the united states." Outstanding as an abuser of women.

* John T. Keenan was acquitted last month of charges that he terrorized a white woman who has two Afrikan-american children. Keenan had been accused of leading a klan-ish conspiracy to drive the family out of their Washington suburb by burning a cross in their front yard. The u.s. justice dept. civil rights division, which prosecuted the case, tried Keenan for conspiracy, which by definition involves two or more persons, but charged or named no one but Keenan with participating. The jury noted this obvious flaw. Afrikan-americans in the area believe that the case was deliberately lost.

* The u.s. army has set up a brothel area in Comayagua, Honduras, for its GIs and for the thousands of u.s. national guardsmen who rotate through the giant u.s. airbase at nearby Palmerola. The prostitutes are from poor peasant families, most of them refugees of the c.i.a. land grab in the area. The u.s. defense department is the world's largest pimp and whorehouse operator, running government prostitution service at bases around the world.

Macleans, the Canadian newsweekly, printed an account of a visit to the u.s. whorehouses in Honduras (u.s. army military police tried to stop them from photographing the teenage prostitute in the u.s. flag halter):

THE COMFORTS OF 10 LEMP ALLEY

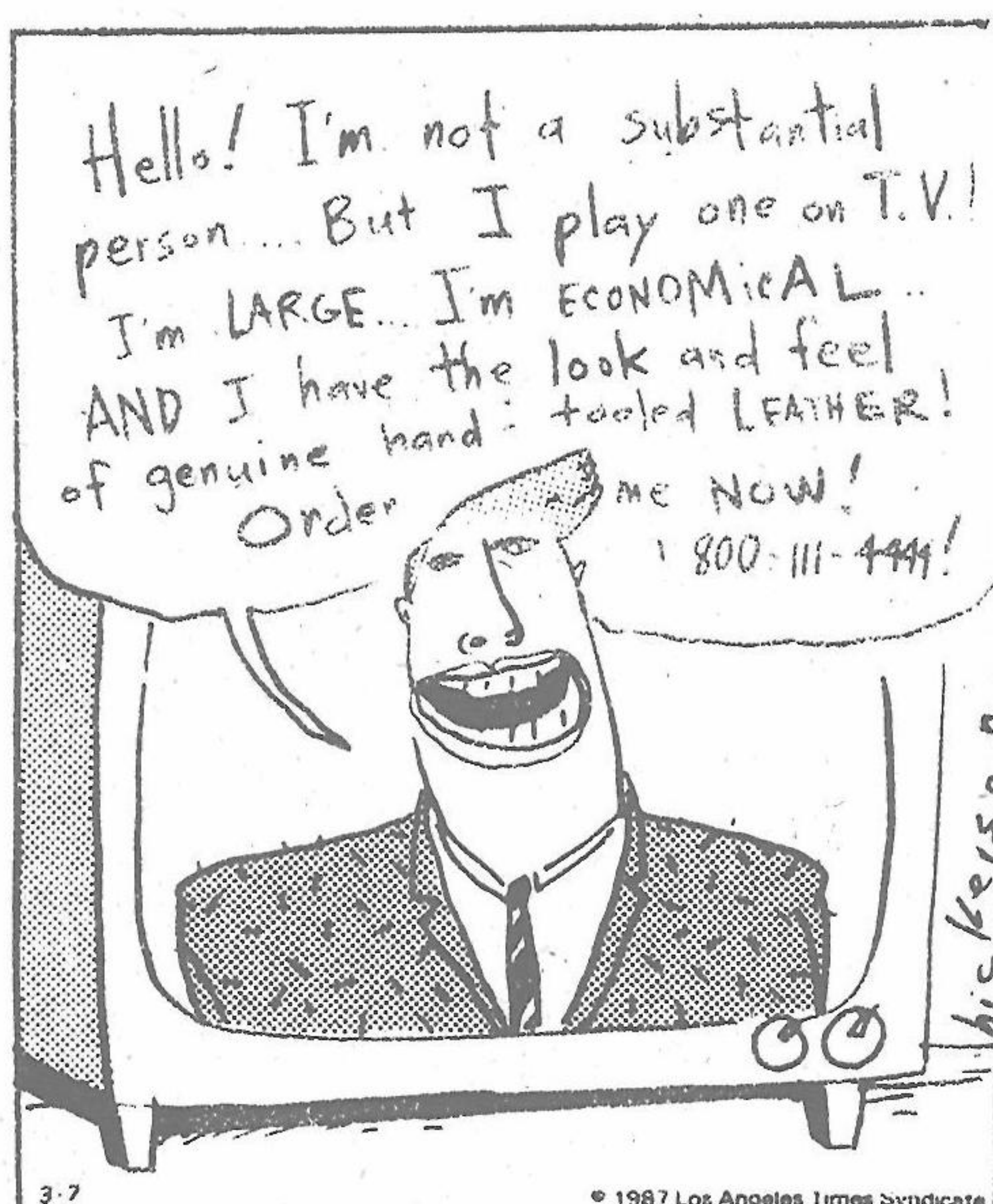
At sundown every evening a convoy of buses from Palmerola disgorges U.S. soldiers into the muddy back streets of nearby Comayagua, an impoverished town of tin-roofed shacks which now boasts a thriving *zona roja*, a red-light district. Dressed in jeans and T-shirts, forbidden to wear uniforms or talk about their duties, the GIs pick their way through the potholes to rows of hovels festooned with red and blue light bulbs, where the flower of Comayagua's teenage womanhood awaits them.

Prostitution: In some narrow lanes where the rates are lowest—10 *lempiras*, or about \$7 a session—seasoned prostitutes in miniskirts strut in front of doorways draped with flowered curtains, winning the street its nickname, 10 Lemp Alley.

The U.S. army runs Comayagua's red-light district as a virtual protectorate, sending uniformed military policemen to patrol at 15-minute intervals—although with orders not to interfere with business—and doctors to test the girls once a week for disease. But since *El Tiempo* charged that U.S. soldiers are responsible for Honduras's 20 known cases of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), as

well as a virulent East Asian strain of a less deadly venereal disease, the U.S. military has become sensitive about its supervisory role in Comayagua's night life.

The U.S. Embassy now provides printed handouts refuting charges that the army has spread AIDS. And as the clients of the *zona roja* see it, the army is merely offering a necessary recreational service. Said one of Rosie's clients—a 19-year-old Texan GI in a 10-gallon hat who declined to give his name—"I guess you've got to get some affection somewhere." The GI, on his first weekend pass out of the base since arriving on the Big Pine '87 manoeuvres in early January, added, "Besides, what else is there to do in this hole?"



COPS SAY EX-BOY FRIEND BROKE INTO HER APARTMENT.

CHARGED IN FATAL STABBING

Police officer points the way as he escorts Regina Migdal, 31, at New York Hospital, where she was treated for knife cuts on her hands yesterday. Cops charged Migdal with fatally stabbing ex-boy friend Randy Caspary after he broke into her apartment and a fight started.

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TOM MONASTER/DAILY NEWS



sisters of patriarchy

Gloria Steinem earned \$1.2 million in a single day recently as a result of two different auctions conducted by a friend who is not a literary agent.

In the first auction, Little, Brown outbid 16 other publishers with an offer of \$700,000 for Ms. Steinem's "Bedside Book of Self-Esteem." In the second, Simon & Schuster outbid seven other publishers with a \$500,000 offer for a book about women from rich and powerful American families.

Both books were offered by Letty Cottin Pogrebin, an author and, like Ms. Steinem, a founding editor of Ms. magazine. A former subsidiary-rights director for a publisher, Ms. Pogrebin acted as the agent for Ms. Steinem's first book nearly 20 years ago but had not represented an author since.

"I had gotten rusty," she said, "but I had a hunch we could get Gloria a lot more money." Ms. Steinem approved, she said, because, "she has given away most of her money and she realized she had no retirement plan and was about to turn 53."

Ms. Pogrebin said that she had had an "interesting re-entry" as an agent but that she had no plans to continue in the role. As for her friend, she said, "Now maybe Gloria can grow old without worrying about having to go to the Feminist Old Folks Home."

"A SEXY, SUSPENSEFUL

The Fear of Women?

DEBRA WINGER
THERESA RUSSELL

BLACK
WIDOW

SHE MATES
AND
SHE KILLS.



PARADE'S SPECIAL Intelligence Report

Beware of Women Wanting Drinks



Detective Douglas Sims of the Los Angeles police and Rebecca Otero, one of the few women caught and sentenced for involvement in "the hooker's knockout scam"



sophisticated prostitutes
Angeles. Since the victims

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1987

Unlikely Looking Robbers Stalk Fla.

Fort Lauderdale, Fla. (UPI) — Two groups of female robbers are stalking wealthy men in South Florida nightclubs and hotels, knocking them out with drugs and stealing their valuables, police investigators said yesterday.

Police said the women have taken from \$10,000 to \$20,000 in cash and valuables in each robbery. In all the

cases, the women were described as well-spoken, attractive and fashionably dressed.

"These are women who come off as schoolteachers on vacation or airline stewardesses in between flights," Fort Lauderdale Det. Jim Ives said.

"They don't come off at all like prostitutes, and in all our cases there is no offer of sex for money. These are guys

who just think they've picked a woman up in a bar."

Detectives are unsure how many women are involved, but they think two groups — one white, one black — are working Broward, Dade and Palm Beach counties in south Florida. Investigators said the women put powerful, fast-acting drugs in their victims' drinks, knock them out and rob them.

LOU LOU AND THE COPS

It is important for the police to pretend to protect women, because this pretense helps justify their monopoly of organized force. This police power is then used to disarm women. Lou Lou Couch's murder is the story of how the police disarmed a woman so that a group of men could kill her.

She was the 22 year-old loudmouthed street dyke in the documentary movie "Streetwise", always looking out for younger runaways on Seattle's First Avenue strip. Those who saw "Streetwise" will never forget her, in her alcatraz cap, fighting to protect teen-age runaways from the pimps and men hitting on them. The news that Lou Lou had been killed was a blow to the heart, but not a surprise.

The police had often hassled Lou Lou. The day before her death she had just gotten out of jail, for possession of marijuana. The cops' petty harassment. That had been the sixth time that year the cops had busted her. Imagine what they'd have done if they had caught her with a .38?

Lou Lou Couch had been disarmed by the threat of the police and set up to be killed by men in an unequal fight. But don't many women in america have weapons anyway, everything from kitchen knives to shotguns? Yes, and women are subtly pressured by the police and courts never to use weapons in self-defense. Most women who use weapons against white men



Lou Ellen "Lou Lou" Crouch (right), shown with fellow Seattle "street kid" Dawn, appeared in the documentary film "Streetwise".

are arrested and face trial. Many go to prison for long stretches. That's who's in women's prisons. That's what deterred Lou Lou. And that's what killed her. She had said:

"I don't use a weapon, I never have. It's not worth it, to get busted for stabbing somebody or beating the s_ _ out of somebody with a pipe or whatever. I don't care if I get beaten up. I've been beat up enough times that it doesn't hurt me too much anymore..."

The night she died, Lou Lou and her 16 year-old friend Alwyn were being harassed by a group of four men, who had been drinking and had just exited the porn theater. Both women were shoved around, and Alwyn was physically hit on. One man punched Lou Lou to get her out of the way so that they could force Alwyn to come with them and get gang-raped. When Lou Lou began fighting back-shouting at the men, "Don't mess with her, she's my girl!"—one man fatally stabbed her. Sinking to the ground as the four men ran away, Lou Lou said:

"Oh no, not a knife. Not a knife. But I didn't have a weapon."

Why is it so important for the police to pretend to protect women? They have community relations specialists who go to meetings, give classes, hand out whistles. They have rape specialists who will tell you how to shrink your life to avoid rape, who will hold your hand after you've been raped, and some who will even do their "I'll get him!" bit after you've been murdered. None of this protects women, of course, and it isn't meant to. It lets the cops say "leave it to us, don't carry a gun." "Disarm yourself." "Let us decide who lives and dies."

The publicized Regina Migdal case in Manhattan is the system at work. Migdal, a 32 year-old secretary, was indicted for murder in the stabbing of her former fiancé. After he broke down her front door, forced his way into her apartment, ignored her orders to leave, and then ripped out her telephone when she tried to call for help. When he came at her, she defended herself with a switchblade.

Manhattan d.a. Robert Morgenthau decided that the deceased had no violent intentions and was only trying for a romantic reconciliation. Just like those child molesters always say how they love children, i thought. Migdal said at her indictment: "I just defended my life. Now I'm being charged with murder. I don't understand this."

Manhattan prosecutors told the press the fact that Regina Migdal had stabbed her attacker five times damaged her claim of self-defense. Five was too many knife blows, they said. How many times should a woman be legally allowed to stab at a man who breaks down her door and comes at her—4?, 3?, 2?, only 1?

Three Teens Charged In Brooklyn Rape Spree

The rapists worked at night, lowering themselves by rope from the roof to open windows on the top floors of Kensington Park apartment buildings, police said.

While one man stayed on the roof as a lookout, another would go through the window and, inside, open the fire-escape window to let in a third accomplice. The two would rape the woman tenant and burglarize her apartment.

After they finished, the men would call a gypsy cab from the apartment and leave through the front door, calmly carrying out such things as TV sets and cameras, according to Sgt. Paul Byrd of the Brooklyn Sex Crimes Unit.

On Feb. 12, police arrested a suspect, Darrien Ruffin, 18, of 39 Argyle Rd., Brooklyn. On Sunday, they arrested the men they say were Ruffin's accomplices in eight or nine rapes and burglaries: Timothy LaGuerre, 18, of 40 Argyle Rd., and Jahmal Kelly, 15, of 10 Argyle Rd.

All three are charged with rape, sodomy, burglary, robbery, assault and sexual abuse.

The first rape was in November, 1985. The next was in July of 1986, but police saw a link, Byrd said: Both times the women were alone, and the rapists gained entry by rappelling from the roof.

After that, rapes occurred about once a month, always in the same 15-block area.

The rapists apparently chose and watched their victims carefully, Byrd said. Always, the women were 25 to 32 years old.

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Man Tied to California Slayings

LOS ANGELES, March 28 (AP) — A convicted murderer in Alabama told the police Friday that he had slain as many as 13 people nationwide and that one of his victims was a Los Angeles woman whose death was assigned to a task force investigating the murders of 17 women.

The slayer, Daniel Lee Siebert, 32 years old, convicted in the murder of a woman in Talladega, Ala., is awaiting trial in the deaths of two other women and two children.

Mr. Siebert is believed to be the killer of Gidget Castro, 28, the Los Angeles woman listed with the task force, Sheriff Sherman Block of Los Angeles said Friday.

Mr. Siebert is also believed to be the killer of another Los Angeles woman, a

Nevada woman and a New York woman whose body was found in Atlantic City, Sheriff Block said.

The investigation by the South Side Serial Murder Task Force is looking into the deaths of 17 women, mostly prostitutes, who were killed from 1983 to July 1986.

Mr. Siebert has admitted as many as 13 killings across the United States, Sheriff Block said, but he is not a suspect in any of the 16 other slayings under investigation by the task force.

Sheriff Block said Mr. Siebert disclosed his participation in the Los Angeles killings to the Los Angeles sheriff's investigators who traveled to Alabama.

Sheriff Block said the Los Angeles authorities would request Mr. Siebert's extradition to California.

Brooklyn Man Held in Death Of Woman in Apartment Fire

By The Associated Press

A Brooklyn man, angry because his girlfriend apparently had given him a venereal disease, set fire to their apartment, resulting in the woman's death, Fire Department investigators said yesterday.

The man, Danny Smith, 46 years old, was charged with second-degree murder in the fire Friday morning that killed Elizabeth Corchado, a department spokesman, Efrain Parilla, said. The couple lived together at 390 Gates Avenue in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section.

An investigation by fire marshals determined the woman had been "somehow incapacitated" before the fire, making her unable to escape, he

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Isn't that a nutty argument? We have the right to fricassee him like a chicken with a flamethrower, if we got one handy. The courts and cops and prosecutors are making threats, very public threats. Women, they say, don't use a weapon against a man. If you do the burden of proof is on you. They keep working to condition us not to resist male violence in any effective way.

It may be hard to break down, but the police have never had anything to do with helping people or even stopping crime. In the u.s. there wasn't even a professional police force for the first 200 years, just constables and sheriffs leading vigilante mobs of whatever white men were around. The Slave Patrols, volunteer road patrols of poor white men who hunted runaway Afrikan slaves, were the most common police in early settler amerikkka.

Professional police forces were set up to keep down subject or colonized peoples--at first only Afrikans, Indians, Mexicans, and later immigrant European laborers in the mines and mills. Amerikkka's first city police department wasn't in NYC but in Cinncinatti, Ohio. It was formed in the early 1800s to watch over the large community of free Afrikans who had emigrated there from the

Janitor Held in Slayings

The Associated Press

A janitor from the Bronx was in custody yesterday accused in the stabbing deaths of a pregnant woman and her 2-year-old daughter.

Joseph Castro, 36, of 3424 Knox Place, was arrested at his apartment Thursday afternoon and booked for the slaying of Vilma Ponce, 20, and her daughter, Natasha Otero, police said.

Ponce, who was five months' pregnant, was found dead in the living room of their apartment at 3415 Knox Place when her husband came home the afternoon of Feb. 5. Their daughter was found dead in the bathtub, police said.

A police spokesman, Sgt. Norris Hollomon, said physical and circumstantial evidence led detectives to Castro, who allegedly made sexual advances toward Ponce while he worked as a janitor in her building

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Slave South. Eleanor Bumpers and Michael Stewart.

What the police have always been about is protecting the property of the ruling class. Not only the real estate and businesses, but the general system of property relations, including men's historic ownership of women and children.

This is a much longer subject than i can get into now, but i'm just trying to lay some background to what's going on with the police and violence against women.



Mother, Girl Slain; Ex-Husband Held

A woman and her 13-year-old daughter were found slain in their South Bronx apartment, and the woman's estranged husband was picked up by police hours later and charged with the murders, police said.

Officers of the Bronx Detective Task Force apprehended Chauncy Reidout, 39, at West 179th Street and Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan and later charged him with second-degree murder in the bludgeoning death of Denise Reidout, 30, and the strangling of her daughter, Thelma Williams, 13, according to a police spokesman, Sgt. Raymond O'Donnell.

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